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SUBJECT: DISARMAMENT FORUMS ISSUE IN UNGA

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1. FOLLOWING MESSAGE SETS OUT OUR VIEWS AT THIS STAGE ON

DEALING WITH DISARMAMENT FORUMS ISSUE AT UNGA AND OFFERS GUIDANCE FOR USUN IN POSSIBLE CONSULTATIONS OVER NEXT WEEKS.

2. WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT HOLDING OR PREPARING TO HOLD WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE (WDC) WOULD BE PRE-MATURE. WE FAIL TO SEE WHAT CONSTRUCTIVE RESULTS COULD EMERGE AT CURRENT STAGE OF DISARMAMENT PROCESS FROM MASS FORUM LENDING ITSELF TO RHETORICAL EXCESSES AND LACKING POSSIBILITIES OF SERIOUS NEGOTIATION. REACTIVATED UN DISARMAMENT COMMISSION (UNDC) WOULD SHARE THOSE ATTRIBUTES. WE SHALL CONTINUE TO MAKE OUR VIEWS CLEAR RE MASS FORUMS IN ANY GUISE.

3. ON OTHER HAND, WE SHOULD REMAIN NON-COMMITTAL FOR TIME BEING RE POSSIBLE RECONSTITUTION OF WDC SPECIAL COMMITTEE ALONG LINES SUGGESTED BY IRANIAN PERM REP HOVEYDA. WE WISH TO GAIN CLEARER PERSPECTIVE ON OTHERS' VIEWPOINTS (ESPECIALLY USSR AND PRC), AS WELL AS DEGREE TO WHICH HOVEYDA PREPARED TO PERSIST WITH HIS PROPOSAL, BEFORE GIVING INDICATION OF OUR POSTURE TOWARD IT. WE WISH IN PARTICULAR TO AVOID GETTING IN MIDDLE OF, OR CLEARLY

TAKING SIDES IN, POSSIBLE CONFLICT BETWEEN PRC AND USSR OVER SPECIAL COMMITTEE QUESTION.

4. HOWEVER, AS UNGA PROGRESSES WE MAY WISH TO EXPLORE POSSIBLE TACTICAL ADVANTAGES OF SOMEWHAT LESS NEGATIVE STAND THAN HERETOFORE REGARDING SPECIAL COMMITTEE. IF COMMITTEE'S TERMS OF REFERENCE LIMITED TO FURTHER EXAMINATION OF VIEWS CONCERNING WDC, AND IF FORMULA REGARDING "COOPERATION" BY NUCLEAR POWERS ACCEPTABLE TO ALL OF THEM COULD BE FOUND, COMMITTEE COULD ACTUALLY PROVE USABLE DEVICE TO DELAY CONCRETE STEPS TOWARD CONVENING MASS FORUM.

5. MISSION SHOULD THEREFORE AVOID CATEGORICAL DISMISSAL OF RECONSTITUTED SPECIAL COMMITTEE CONCEPT AND KEEP EAR TO GROUND FOR DEVELOPMENTS CONCERNING IRANIAN PROPOSAL, PARTICULARLY FURTHER INDICATIONS OF SOVIET
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AND CHINESE ATTITUDES. YOU SHOULD ALSO REPORT ANY INDICATIONS OF EMERGENCE OF SIGNIFICAN PRO-UNDC SENTIMENT ON PART OF NON-ALIGNED OR OTHER COUNTRIES. RUSH

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